

REMARKS:

The Office Action mailed January 4, 2005 has been received and carefully considered. Reconsideration of the application as amended hereby is respectfully requested.

Claims 5 to 7, 10, 15 to 17, 19, 30, 31 and 33 were objected to as depending from rejected claims. Claims 5, 10, 15, 19, 30 and 33 have been rewritten as independent Claims 35 to 40 respectively and Claims 6, 7, 16, 17 and 31 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from one of these claims. Consequently, it is urged that there claims are now allowable.

The length of the Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to and it is amended herein and is urged to now meet Office requirements.

Claims 1 to 4, 8, 9, 11 to 14, 18, 20, 23 and 25 were rejected under obviousness type double patenting over Patent 6,520,775 in view of Inoue, et al. (JP05-027675) and Claims 21, 22 and 24 were rejected upon the same basis in view of Walker '047. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer relative to the 6,520,775 patent which is urged to have the effect of removing this reference as an obviousness type reference. Consequently, it is urged that these claims are now allowable.

Claim 26 was rejected as anticipated by both Oestrich and Hoye. Claim 26 has been amended to distinguish over Oestrich and Hoye. In particular, Claim 26 now calls for the support

structure to have a planar plate that receives the inserts such that the inserts are received on the plate and are in abutting relationship with one another. The Oestrich reference teaches inserts that are received in separate and spaced cavities designed for each insert such that the inserts are not received commonly on a plate and in abutting relationship with one another. Further, Hoyer is found to teach inserts (gums 200 and 300), but these are likewise not received on a plate in abutting relationship to one another. Consequently, it is urged that Claim 26, as well as Claims 27, 28, 29, 32 and 34 that depend from Claim 26, are now allowable over the cited art.

In summary, it is urged that Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 9, 11 to 14, 16 to 18, 20 to 29, 31, 32 and 34 to 40 are allowable and notice to this effect is earnestly requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, if prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

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